

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 155

By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge spanning Interstate 40 on State Route 76 in Haywood County in honor of the late Jimmy Halbrook, former Mayor of Brownsville.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Jimmy Halbrook, former Mayor of Brownsville and one of Haywood County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mayor Halbrook, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and a human being; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Halbrook was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Brownsville throughout his distinguished tenures as Mayor and Alderman and

WHEREAS, Mayor Halbrook served the City of Brownsville as Alderman and as Vice Mayor for twenty eight years; he was elected Mayor in 1990, and served until 1994; and

WHEREAS, during his long record of public service, Mayor Halbrook spearheaded numerous civic improvement projects, including the preservation of the old Carnegie Library, which is now a city landmark, and he was instrumental in making Brownsville and Haywood County even better places to live; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a certain bridge on State Route 76 in Haywood County to honor Mayor Halbrook's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the new bridge in Haywood County on State Route 76 spanning Interstate 40 is hereby designated the "Jimmy Halbrook Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being beloved by his family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Jimmy Halbrook Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.